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1. THE VIGOROUS MONSOON ACTIVITY ACHIEVED THE LAST WEEK OF
AUGUST WAS REDUCED SUBSTANTIALLY DURING WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER
7. OF 35 WEATHER ZONES, THOSE RECEIVING NORMAL OR ABOVE NORMAL
RAINFALL DECLINED TO 17 FROM 28.

2. AREAS RECEIVING NORMAL RAINFALL DURING WEEK UNDER
REVIEW WERE: BAY ISLANDS, ORISSA, SOUTHERN BIHAR, PLAINS OF WEST
UTTAR PRADESH, PUNJAB, HIMACHAL PRADESH, EAST RAJASTHAN, WEST MADHYA
PRADESH, FUJARAT, MAHARASHTRA, NORTHWEST ANDHRA PRADESH, COASTAL
KARNATAKA AND KERALA. RAINFALL ELSEWHERE WAS DEFICIENT TO SCANTY
RANGING FROM 24 PERCENT TO 88 PERCENT BELOW NORMAL IN HARYANA AND
SOUTHWEST ANDHRA PRADESH RESPECTIVELY.

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3. ASIDE FROM EAST UTTAR PRADESH AND NAGALAND, MANIPUR, MIZORAM
AND TRIPURA, CUMULATIVE RAINFALL FROM JUNE 1 TO SEPTEMBER 7, 1977
WAS NORMAL OR ABOVE NORMAL OVER THE ENTIRE COUNTRY. WEATHER ZONES
WHICH RECEIVED NORMAL OR ABOVE NORMAL RAINFALL ACCOUNTED FOR 93
PERCENT OF TOTAL KHARIF CEREAL PRODUCTION (COMPARED TO 92 PERCENT IN
COMPARABLE PERIOD OF 1976), USING AS A BASE THE DISTRIBUTION OF
KHARIF PRODUCTION DURING 1970-71. PRECIPITATION HAS BEEN MORE

TIMELY AND EVENLY DISTRIBUTED THAN LAST SEASON.

4. FAVORABLE WIDESPREAD PRECIPITATION THUS FAR HAS BROUGHT EXPANDED
PUBLIC PREDICTIONS OF A RECORD OR NEAR RECORD KHARIF FOODGRAIN
HARVEST. NORMAL RAINS DURING NEXT TWO WEEKS WOULD VIRTUALLY INSURE
THIS OUTCOME.GOHEEN

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